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Application for and questions about the EPA New England Honors Attorney Fellowship should be directed to:

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Note: Prior to September 1st, questions regarding the Fellowship should be directed to Tricia Leahy at 617-918-1103.

Equal employment opportunity will be provided to all individuals regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, or sexual orientation.

U.S. EPA NEW ENGLAND HONORS ATTORNEY FELLOWSHIP

The United States Environmental Protection Agency's New England Office seeks applications for its Honors Attorney Fellowship only from:

- law students at accredited law schools completing their third year in 2003, and
- current judicial clerks recently graduated from accredited law schools.

The Fellowship begins in September, 2003, and the Fellow is expected to commit to a two-year term. A new Fellow will be hired each year allowing two Fellows to serve concurrently. Applications must be submitted via regular or express mail, and must be postmarked no later than **October 4, 2002**.



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FELLOWSHIP DESCRIPTION

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- The Fellowship provides the recipient with the opportunity to work with EPA attorneys on policy, regulatory, and enforcement matters arising under the major federal environmental statutes (such as the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, Superfund, and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act) and other federal statutes relevant to EPA-New England operations (such as the Ethics in Government Act, the Civil Rights Act, and the Freedom of Information Act), while rotating through various representative practice areas.
- The salary will be at the GS-11 level (currently starting at \$47,341) or, where appropriate qualifications exist, may be at the GS-12 level (currently starting at \$56,738).

THE U.S. EPA NEW ENGLAND OFFICES OF REGIONAL COUNSEL AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Attorneys in the Offices of Regional Counsel and Environmental Stewardship provide legal advice to the 725 employees of EPA New England, which is the regional office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency serving Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The regional office works with state, tribal, and local governments to implement national environmental law. The Honors Attorney Fellow is a member of the Office of Regional Counsel but will also undertake approximately half of his/her work assignments in the Office of Environmental Stewardship.

Examples of the type of work performed by lawyers in the Office of Regional Counsel include counseling to EPA staff on implementing programs under the major federal environmental statutes, advice to states on the adequacy of state environmental laws to support program authorization by EPA, and counseling on matters involving ethics, civil rights, personnel, and contracts. The work requires the interpretation of statutes and regulations in the context of environmental policy development. The Office of Regional Counsel employs about fifteen lawyers as well as support staff.

Lawyers in the Office of Environmental Stewardship handle civil and criminal enforcement cases which the EPA brings against individuals, corporations, and governmental entities. Cases may proceed administratively or be referred to the Department of Justice and be heard in United States District Court. Enforcement attorneys work closely with EPA inspectors, scientists, and engineers. The Office of Environmental Stewardship includes approximately fifty attorneys, as well as inspectors and support staff.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must submit the following, via regular or express mail, postmarked no later than October 4, 2002 (no hand-delivered, faxed or internet submissions will be accepted):

- 1. A resume including significant accomplishments, work experience, class rank (or equivalent indicator of academic performance), day and evening telephone numbers, and e-mail address if available.
- An official transcript of law school grades.
- A personal essay, separate from any cover letter, of no more than 300 words explaining the applicant's specific interest in the Fellowship and the practice of environmental law in the New England area.
- 4. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references. Please include a current or former employer and a law school professor or advisor.
- * Selected applicants will be invited for interviews, at the candidate's expense, in Boston in late October and November 2002 (a writing sample will be required of each selected candidate prior to the interview); offers will generally be made in November or early December.

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